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**ATTENTION:** Providers and Billing Professionals

**FROM:** South Dakota Medicaid

**RE:** NCCI Edits effective 3/29/12

South Dakota Medicaid will implement the CMS mandated National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits on March 29, 2012. South Dakota has posted information bulletins for the two types of NCCI edits at <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/portal/NCCI/index.aspx>.

The two types of edits:

- A **Medically unlikely edit** (MUE) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code is the maximum number of units of service under most circumstances allowable by the same provider for the same recipient on the same date of service. **All providers should review the MUE bulletin.**
- The other type of edit is the correct coding edit. This edit can be two types of edits: A **Correct Coding Edit** is defined as two codes that should not be reported together. Many procedure codes cannot be reported together because they are mutually exclusive. Mutually exclusive procedures cannot reasonably be performed at the same anatomic site or during the same patient encounter. It is critical that providers review the CMS files for ME procedure code pairs and understand that codes listed in Column I of the spreadsheet will be considered for reimbursement, and the code listed in Column II will always be the denied detail, unless an appropriate override modifier is appended.

**Providers that are submitting Outpatient Facility claims or Professional Claims should review the NCCI Provider Bulletin and share it with your administrative, professional, clerical and billing staff prior to implementation.**